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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 17 August 1965

[redacted] He noted an outgoing message from the Department to Saigon requesting that intelligence assessments, if possible, be kept out of the NODIS and EXDIS channels. The DCI expressed his opinion on the significance of recent developments concerning negotiations with North Vietnam.

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Abbot Smith expressed the desire that interrogation reports on Viet Cong captives be furnished to Headquarters. There was a considerable discussion of this item. (See action item 1) [redacted]

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R. Jack Smith noted the apparently successful B-52 strike this morning and the ground follow-up action. He also reported that the Soviet space ships are continuing their Southward movement in the Pacific which may presage a space spectacular.

Bannerman reported that a program is underway [redacted] to train OXCART pilots in resisting interrogation if captured.

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Warner noted the helpful efforts of Senator Eastland on two private bills the Agency was sponsoring [redacted]

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[redacted] for DDS&T, noted that a KH-4 mission was scheduled this afternoon, and that the three recent failures of the KH-7 were still being investigated.

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[redacted] The DDCI reported on a meeting he had attended yesterday afternoon in Mr. Hughes' office in the Department.

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FitzGerald was given guidance by the DCI on the question of developing [redacted]

DDCI noted that [redacted] will be the Deputy Director of NRO and that candidates are desired for the position of Chairman of COMOR. He asked the members present for nominations. [redacted]

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ACTIONS

1. The DCI wants to see the first of the proposed new series of the Viet Cong interrogation reports that reaches Headquarters. (SAVA)

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2. [redacted]

3. The DCI noted the OCI memorandum assessing Viet Cong capabilities and intentions. He requested that it be forwarded to General Carroll for any comments DIA might have. (DDI/OCI)

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4. The DCI requested that John Warner check with Senator Russell's staff and see if there is any further action the Agency should take in regard to the 1966 Budget. He also requested that Warner check with Mahon's office as to whether the DCI should go up to the Hill for a briefing later this week. (Legislative Counsel)

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